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We verily believe we are the original, first inventors of the invention entitled: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF MOLECULES described and claimed in the attached specification;

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We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with §1.56(a), Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations.

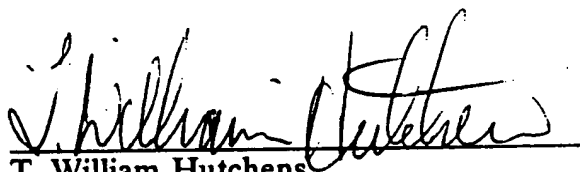
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